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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first, and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF A RANDOM STREAM OF CYLINDRICAL ITEMS, FOR
EXAMPLE DRINKS BOTTLES, INTO SEVERAL LANES

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☐ was filed on _____ as Application No. _____ and was amended on _____ (*if applicable*).
☐ was filed by Express Mail No. _____ as Application No. not known yet, and was amended on _____ (*if applicable*).
☒ was filed on September 11, 2003 as PCT International Application No. PCT/EP2003/010112 and was amended on March 23, 2004 (*if any*).

I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of the application identified above in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

I claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent, utility model, design registration, or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application(s) from which the benefit of priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN PATENT, UTILITY MODEL, AND DESIGN REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS						
COUNTRY	PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day,month,year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED			
Germany	202 14 153.5	12 September 2002	X	YES		NO
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In re Appln. of Heuft et al.
Attorney Docket No. P2442US

I claim the benefit pursuant to 35 USC 119(e) of the following United States provisional patent application(s):

PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS, BENEFIT CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119(e)	
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I claim the benefit pursuant to 35 USC 120 of any United States patent application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this patent application is not disclosed in the prior patent application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 effective between the filing date of the prior patent application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this patent application.

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Gardner Carton & Douglas LLP to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Customer Number 08968.

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